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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 12/13/2001, reconsideration of this application is requested in light of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim 11 for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claim showing current revisions is attached.

11. (Amended) A method for three-dimensionally positioning a patient region

of interest substantially as an optimum MR imaging position for diagnostic imaging within an MRI system, said method comprising:

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